

The reply filed on April 22, 2009, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omissions or matters:

The Applicant's arguments are largely based upon a "supplemental translation of the Takidani reference" (Applicant's reply of April 22, 2009: page 6, lines 11-12), but no such translation has been submitted along with the current Amendment. Perhaps the Applicant is referring to paragraph 0013 in the version of the English translation received on December 10, 2007. The Applicant is thus required to clarify this matter so that the examiner can better ascertain the Applicant's position in regard to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based upon Takidani and Fishman et al. The Applicant must also point out (with specificity) the support in the original disclosure (preferably in the specification of parent application serial no. 09/785,714) for the newly added language pertaining to the non-porous liner material adapted to cover the portion of the residual limb received in the cavity (e.g., amended claim 21, last two lines). Reference is made to MPEP §§ 714.02 and 2163.06.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dave Willse, whose telephone number is 571-272-4762 and who is generally available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott, can be reached on

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